

REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action mailed on August 22, 2007. Claims 22 and 26 are amended. Claims 10, 12-14 and 26-31 are now pending in this application.

§103 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 10, 12-14, 26, 28 and 30-31 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jaggar (U.S. 5,506,976) in view of Stiles et al. (U.S. 5,515,518) in view of Yeh et al. (U.S. 5,742,804). Claims 27-29 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jaggar (U.S. 5,506,976) in view of Stiles et al. (U.S. 5,515,518) in view of Yeh et al. (U.S. 5,742,804) as applied to claims 26 and 28 above, and further in view of Papadopoulos (U.S. 5,412,799). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

With regard to claim 10, among the differences, claim 10 recites “wherein the presbyopic target buffer comprises presbyopic target buffer records to map branch target addresses to subsequent branch target addresses.” Claim 26, as amended, recites similar limitations. The Office indicated that this limitation is disclosed by Jaggar at column 2, lines 30-38 and 30-48; column 3, lines 5-8 and column 6, lines 55-62. Applicant respectfully traverses. These sections of Jaggar relate to a cache memory. These section of Jaggar do not disclose or suggest a presbyopic target buffer.

Because cited references do not disclose each element of claims 10 and 26, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection of claims 10 and 26 under 35 U.S.C. §103 has been overcome. Because the claims that depend from claims 10 and 26 depend from and further define claims 10 and 26, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection of the dependent claims under 35 U.S.C. §103 has been overcome.

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CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' attorney at (612) 371-2103 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

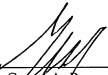
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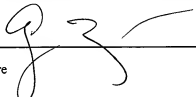
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